



U.S. Embassy Cairo

International Writer's Program

University of Iowa

Description:

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce the International Writer's Program (IWP). IWP is scheduled to take place at the University of Iowa tentatively from August 22, 2015 to November 10, 2015 and is designated for established and emerging creative writers who have published at least one book (or whose work has appeared in significant publications over the past two years) and possess sufficient proficiency in English to benefit from the experience.

Participants in the IWP spend 10 weeks in residence at the University of Iowa in Iowa City presenting their work to local audiences, working with student translators, and attending and teaching workshops. The program will enable participants to bring their countries' literary works to a wider audience and learn more about U.S. literature, society and culture. The Fall Residency brings together global writers for a multicultural forum where conversations, workshops, collaborations, and public presentations constantly demonstrate an unrestricted, yet respectful flow of opinions, ideas, and information. Over 500 community engagement opportunities will be available to learn about volunteerism and its central role in American society. Writers will have the chance to collaborate more than ever with American artists from other disciplines including music, theater and dance. Ten-day trips will be planned to different regions of the U. S. to meet and collaborate with diverse American writers. Further details about the program are available on the IWP website <http://iwp.uiowa.edu/>

Eligibility Requirements

- Poets, fiction writers, bloggers, dramatists, literary non-fiction writers and screenwriters.
- Candidates should have at least one published volume of work or professional script credit, or works that have appeared in significant publications or attracted significant audiences over a period of at least two years.
- Candidates should be fluent in English.

Application Instructions

Completed applications must include:

- The application form (to download the application, please visit: <http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html>)
- A curriculum vitae (C.V.)
- 10-15 page writing sample in English or English translation with writing sample in the original language.
- Copy of Egyptian National ID and/or passport
- One page statement of interest (in English) addressing the following:
 - 1) Why are you interested in participating in the program?
 - 2) What do you anticipate to gain from the experience and how would it contribute to the fulfillment of your professional plans?
 - 3) How might you share this experience with others in Egypt both in your work and community?

Please submit your applications to: ExchangesCairo@state.gov / Subject: 2015 Iowa Writer's Program

Deadline for Applications: April 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.